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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1593**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade  
(originally sponsored by Representatives Linville, Clements,  
Pettigrew, O'Brien, Hasegawa, Grant, Kenney, McDermott, McDonald,  
Chase, Skinner, Williams, Santos, Schual-Berke and Kagi)

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1 AN ACT Relating to expansion of farmers market nutrition programs;  
2 creating a new section; and making appropriations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) The farmers market nutrition programs promote health, alleviate  
6 hunger, prevent obesity, and encourage the development of good eating  
7 habits by enabling low-income women to purchase locally grown fresh  
8 fruit and vegetables for themselves and their young children and low-  
9 income seniors to purchase or have delivered to them, locally grown  
10 fresh fruit and vegetables for themselves through farmers markets,  
11 congregate meals sites, home delivered meals, and senior housing.  
12 Women and children in twenty-three counties and seniors in thirty-five  
13 counties of the state are presently able to participate in the program.

14 (2) The farmers market nutrition programs support small farmers and  
15 rural economies through the promotion of Washington state agriculture.  
16 Farmers market nutrition programs increase sales of Washington grown  
17 fruits and vegetables, increase marketing opportunities for local  
18 farms, strengthen local economies and communities, preserve farmlands,

1 reduce energy usage and pollutants, and promote collaboration among  
2 agriculture, health, and social service and food assistance programs.

3 (3) Low-income women and children, low-income seniors, farmers  
4 markets, and agencies administering the farmers market nutrition  
5 programs will be denied the opportunity to participate in coming years  
6 because of cuts at the federal level and lack of sufficient state funds  
7 to continue current program levels.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** During the 2005-2007 biennium, an additional  
9 four hundred thousand dollars from the general fund--state are  
10 appropriated to the department of health to maintain 2004 participation  
11 levels for the farmers market nutrition program for women, infants, and  
12 children. During the 2005-2007 biennium, seven hundred fifty thousand  
13 dollars from the general fund--state are appropriated to the department  
14 of social and health services to maintain 2004 participation levels for  
15 the senior farmers market nutrition program.

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